

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kamala Harris
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California Department of Justice
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Dear Attorney General Harris:

Recent media reports indicate that your office may begin to review documents and other information related to ExxonMobil's official actions and statements to investors about climate change risks. We strongly encourage your office to actively investigate this important and troubling issue.

As you know, recently uncovered internal documents suggest that ExxonMobil may have used climate research to improve its internal business planning while simultaneously claiming publicly that climate science was not clear cut. New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman confirmed last year that his office had subpoenaed documents to determine whether ExxonMobil had misled the public and its shareholders about the liabilities of climate change.

It is our understanding that a number of California laws provide your office with robust authorities to pursue violations of our state's corporate securities and commodities laws. While it remains to be determined whether ExxonMobil's actions violated state law, your office is in a unique position to request the information necessary to make these determinations. We strongly encourage you to leverage your authorities as California's Attorney General to investigate whether ExxonMobil violated state law.

As the Attorney General for the eighth largest economy in the world, we are hopeful that your actions will prompt other state attorneys general and regulators to investigate these troubling allegations. Please be assured that we will also continue to press this issue at the federal level, including a request to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to investigate these issues.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Mark DeSaulnier
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